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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORTS WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

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COREY D. WILLIAMS, 26, 1400 block of N. Florissant, St. Louis, was sentenced to 98 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm and one felony count of possession of cocaine base (crack).

LOUIS LYEN PAYTON, 35, of the 4100 block of Magnolia, St. Louis, was sentenced to 46 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

CHARLES HUTSON, 30, of the 3000 block of Miami, St. Louis, 63118, plead guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Hutson now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for June 7, 2005.

JAMES DONTA BOYD, 23, of the 2200 block of Angelica, St. Louis, 63107, plead guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Boyd now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for June 2005.

STERLING FINNEY, 43, of the 2100 block of Fairhaven, St. Louis, 63136, plead guilty to one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, one felony count of possession with intent to distribute heroin and one felony count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Finney now faces a maximum penalty to life in prison and/or fines up to \$1,000,000. Sentencing has been set for June 7, 2005.

DESHAWN TYRONE DEMEYERS, 23, of the 2100 block of Russell, St. Louis, 63104, plead guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Demeyers now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for May 6, 2005.